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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LANE ET AL.

Examiner

Steven D. Maki

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-13 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 111303.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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1) The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2) The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Martino et al

3) **Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Martino et al (US 5,120,780).**

Martino et al discloses an aqueous composition comprising polyvinylacetate and an organosilane such as gamma-methacryloxypropyltriethoxy silane and 3-aminopropyltriethoxy silane. The composition may also include surfactants. Acetic acid is used to adjust the pH to 5 to 6.5.

As to claim 1, the claimed composition is anticipated by Martino et al's composition, which comprises polyvinylacetate, organosilane and water. The description of "CFM binder slurry [continuous mat binder slurry] for a continuous filament mat (5) used in a phenolic pultrusion system" in the preamble of claim 1 relates to intended use and fails to require a composition different from that disclosed by Martino et al.

Witucki et al

- 4) **Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Witucki et al (US 4,818,779).**

Witucki et al teaches a composition comprising a water borne emulsion adhesive based on a poly(vinylacetate) resin and an adhesion promoter. The composition may include surfactants and defoamers. In the examples, Witucki et al describes using a polyvinylacetate emulsion adhesive having a pH of 4-5. Witucki et al teaches using the composition to bond substrates such as wood, paper, cloth, leather, ceramics, plastics and metals.

As to claim 1, the claimed composition is anticipated by Witucki et al's composition, which comprises polyvinylacetate, alkoxysilane and water. The description of "CFM binder slurry [continuous mat binder slurry] for a continuous filament mat (5) used in a phenolic pultrusion system" in the preamble of claim 1 relates to intended use and fails to require a composition different from that disclosed by Witucki et al.

- 5) **Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Witucki et al in view of Martino et al.**

As to claims 2 and 3, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include non-ionic surfactant, defoamer, water and an organic acid in Witucki et al's composition since (1) Witucki et al teaches using polyvinylacetate emulsion adhesive having a pH of 4-5 in the composition, (2) Martino et al suggests obtaining a desired pH of 2-7 (e.g. 5-6) for an aqueous composition comprising polyvinylacetate using acetic

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acid (col. 6 lines 30-35), (3) Witucki suggests additionally including surfactants and defoamers in the composition (col. 4 lines 19-39); non-ionic surfactant being taken as well known / conventional type of surfactant.

6) Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Witucki et al in view of Reichel (US 3,665,027).

As to claim 4, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use gamma-aminopropyl trimethoxy silane in Witucki et al's adhesive composition since (1) Witucki et al teaches using an adhesion promoter comprising alkoxy silane in the adhesive composition and (2) Reichel teaches gamma-aminopropylalkoxysilanes as being useful as primers and adhesives.

Remarks

7) Applicant's election with traverse of Group I claims 1-4 in the reply filed on 11-7-06 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that there is no undue burden. This is not found persuasive because the search for non-elected Group II but not elected Group I requires a search of pultrusion processes using both a sizing composition and a binder.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

8) No claim is allowed.

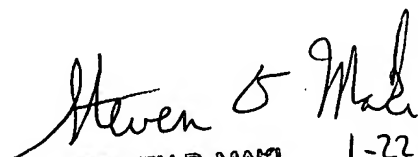
9) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven D. Maki whose telephone number is (571) 272-1221. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571) 272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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